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30 October 1952

INFORMATION FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT: Attendance at the VIth Pan American Consultation on Cartography, Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic

1. Background. The VIth Pan American Consultation on Cartography was held at Ciudad Trujillo from 11th October 1952. Senior officials of the military and civilian mapping organizations of the United States Government, Canada, the Latin American nations, Great Britain and France, and of appropriate International organizations were in attendance. The Chief for Geographic Research, ORR, attended as a U. S. Delegate and as an officer of the Department of State. The Chief of the Cartography Division, ORR, attended as a technical observer and as an informal representative of the Research and Development Board.

2. Purpose. The CIA officers attended in order to participate in the technical sessions, to obtain current information on international mapping and surveying programs, and to establish closer relations with those senior officials in attendance who can provide subsequent cooperation on questions of direct interest to the Agency in other foreign areas.

3. Major Activities and Findings. Major technical accomplishments mentioned during acceptance of the Universal Transverse Mercator Projector and Grid System, participation in the U. S. Army's program for establishing a single geodetic datum, and the application of standards for cartographic symbols already adopted by the United States, Canada and Great Britain for military maps.

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